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Ms. Russell,

Regarding the review of the power plants in the US-Mexican border region, this is our official response to the Department's request for information leading to the scoping session of the review.

It is imperative that the Department set an example for all other agencies in the border region and for all subsequent EIS and EIRs by conducting and disseminating comprehensive Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessments (TEIAs) for **all** options. These TEIAs must consider energy needs and costs; air quality impacts; water supply; surface, ground, and discharge water quality; and all associated human health risks from all assessed impacts to **both** sides of the border. The final record will identify mechanisms to monitor, minimize, and mitigate impacts to both sides of the border benefiting the binational region.

We have information helpful to the process.

Respectfully submitted,

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